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Minden blooms

It was a feast for the senses at the annual flower show hosted by the Minden and District Horticultural Society at the Minden Hills Community Centre during the weekend. See more photos on page 13.

Darren Lum Times staff

Canadian Tire digs this fall

Chad Ingram
 Staff reporter

Construction on the long-awaited Canadian Tire store at the corner of Highway 35 and Water Street in Minden will start this fall, the company says.

"We are pleased to announce that the process to build a new Canadian Tire retail store in the town of Minden has moved to the next step," a company-issued statement reads. "A tender package has been sent out to a group of pre-qualified bidders with the contract being awarded in mid to late August. We are currently working with the municipality to get all neces-

sary site plan approvals and building permits and the final site plan will be submitted to the township council for approval in August."

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid said she anticipated those items coming to council at either its mid-month meeting or its

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Gelert sculpture to be unveiled

The Haliburton Sculpture Forest is hosting a celebration of the installation of "Gelert" a new bronze sculpture by Mary Anne Barkhouse from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18. The unveiling will occur in the sculpture forest in Glebe Park adjacent to the Fleming College at 4:30 p.m. A reception and official greetings will be held in the Great Hall of Fleming College at 4:45 p.m. followed by a presentation by Mary Anne Barkhouse about her work and a video presentation by Highland Media Arts on "the making of Gelert." Everyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to jocelyn@haliburtonsculptureforest.ca or call 705-457-8033.

The sculpture is inspired by the legend of Gelert, the faithful wolfhound of Prince Llywelyn, the last prince of an

independent Wales.

Gelert, a hamlet in the former Snowdon Township in Minden Hills is named after the town of Beddgelert in Snowdonia in the north of Wales. Beddgelert (grave of Gelert) is best known for its association with the legend of Gelert. The bronze sculpture of a life-size wolfhound will stand at the watch on a hillside in Glebe Park.

The artist Mary Anne Barkhouse was born in Vancouver, BC., belongs to the Nimpkish band, Kwakiutl First Nation. Now a resident of Haliburton County, she exhibits across Canada and in the U.S. Working with sculptures and installations, Mary Anne examines environmental concerns and indigenous culture through the use of animal imagery. Her work can be found in many collections including the

National Gallery of Canada, Art Bank of the Canada Council for the Arts, UBC Museum of Anthropology, the Macdonald Stewart Art Centre, McMichael Canadian Art Collection and Banff Centre for the Arts. In addition she has numerous public art installations including at the University of Western Ontario and the Millennium Walkway in Peterborough.

The sculpture Gelert was commissioned in appreciation of the life of Alan Ferguson a great lover of the arts and dogs, and made possible through a generous donation by Diana Ferguson and with the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Help remember veterans

The Haliburton County Legions work hard to remember and honour our veterans, but with so many cemeteries in the county, there are some that just aren't known.

During Legion Week in September, a local group would like to place a white cross and poppy every year, at every grave, of every veteran laid to rest in our county. It's a big job. They're not asking for money. They're asking for information.

If you have a departed relative or friend who was a vet-

eran and is buried at one of our local cemeteries, they'd like help finding and remembering them. This year, they are searching for veterans at rest in the St. Stephen's Church, St. Peter's Church and Maple Lake Church cemeteries.

If you are able to help, please call Lee at 705-489-1276 or email ladyaikido@cs.com and put "veterans" in the subject line.

In Haliburton County, we remember.

Weather report for July

Phil Graham

Special to the Times

Average High	29.3
Average Low	14.3
Average for the Month	23.3
Average for last July 21	21.1
Highest Temperature 17	32.5
Lowest Temperature July 1	6.5
Rain	62.6mm

River Temperature July 31	25.0
River Temperature Last July	22.5
Days with Thunderstorms	4
Days with Rain	6
Days mostly Sunny	19

July and summer have arrived at last. It was a very pleasant and warm month. Lots of sunshine, but only had half the rainfall in the month. The river temperature was 25°C or 77°F which is great for swimming.



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The Highlands Weekender See inside

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August 11, 2011

Common words in titles

Bessie's Books and other things

Bessie Sullivan
County Librarian

I keep a journal of what I read and realized that two books in a row contained the word "wile" in the title. It made me wonder what words are commonly used in titles and if the word choice has anything to do with their popularity. Other family connection words like, son, daughter, husband, mother also occur in book titles. The word that seems to have the most impact is "secret".

This section is updated in Toronto from first-time author Shilpi Somaya Gowda's, *Secret Daughter*. The book has been so desired for awhile at the Haliburton County Public Library. Although there is a long waiting list for the print version, at the time of writing this article the ebook was available. In this book the reader is almost immediately presented with two opposing but heart-rending scenarios, identity for North American women and the daughter for girls in India. Through the intertwining stories of two families, the American Thakurs, both doctors, and the poverty-stricken Mehtas in rural India there is some understanding gained about why people sometimes need to do the things they do.

The two books I read with "wile" in the title are Margaret Lowy's *The Soldier's Wife* in which Vivienne de la Mare knows that there will be sacrifices to be made. Not just for

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Quarry application worries residents

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

A number of Irondale-area residents are upset at a new permit application from the company operating a quarry near Bark Lake.

The company, Royel Paving, a subsidiary of K.J. Beamish Construction Co. Limited, has applied to the Ministry of Environment for a new permit to take water for washing its materials.

However, the company already has a permit to take surface water for its operations at the Crown-owned quarry that was issued in 2008 and is good for 10 years.

According to Heather Ross of activist group Environment Haliburton, the new permit the company is applying for is essentially the same as the current permit, but includes the phasing out or removal of monitoring processes to assess the operation's environmental impact.

"It's all part of the company's desire to minimize its monitoring requirements as much as possible," Ross said.

The company appealed to have the monitoring requirements from its current permit removed, she said, but was shot down by the MOE.

"The MOE just said, 'no, there's no way we're going to do that,'" she said.

The company hired an environmental consulting firm to draw up a 160-page report that puts forward a new monitoring process, one that Ross fears is not adequate.

"They have put together another monitoring system, it's extremely complex from my perspective. It needs a hydrogeologist to do a peer review."

Ross Campbell, the hydrogeologist who compiled the report for the company, said the new application is not an attempt to minimize the monitoring process and that the new monitoring system the company is proposing is actually much more responsible.

As Campbell explained, the quarry property is comprised of several small watersheds containing a number of beaver ponds.

While the initial monitoring process had included the monitoring of most of these ponds, Campbell said the

company's operation as it stands now doesn't affect most of the property's watersheds.

"As we approach those watersheds, we will start to monitor those watersheds," he said.

Campbell said it was not true the company had tried to remove all monitoring requirements.

"We made an application to change the monitoring program that was rejected by the MOE," he said.

A couple of weeks back, Ross met with about a dozen other concerned citizens to discuss the issue.

She said one of the main reasons for the meeting was to get the public comment period on the permit application extended.

That period had originally been July 11 to Aug. 10, but the MOE has now extended it until the end of the month.

Douglas Rodger is president of the Salerno-Devil's Lakes Cottagers' Association and said the initial response period didn't provide enough time for a thorough review of the report.

"It's hard to understand this report," Rodger said. "We don't have money to hire a hydrogeologist."

Rodger, who represents some 105 families with cottages in the area, shared Ross's concerns.

"This re-application is just readdressing the monitoring stipulations that are part of it," he said. "It was a condition of the original permit they agreed to. They should continue to adhere to it."

Rodger noted that the company's licence to use the MNR-controlled quarry extends until 2017, at which time operations will be reviewed and the public will have an opportunity to come forward with concerns.

He said it would be difficult to gauge the impact of operation without the data that is supposed to be collected through the monitoring process.

While using a well on private property to monitor water quality was included as an option, Rodger noted that private property can change hands at any time.

Highlands East Councillor Cecil Ryall, whose ward contains most of the quarry, told the paper he'd met with the group to hear their concerns.

"The fallout will come back to haunt us if it's not handled properly," Ryall said.

While he noted the issue is not a municipal one, he said it was up to the MOE to ensure a proper monitoring system was kept in place and up to the company to exercise corporate responsibility.

"As a corporate citizen, they need to understand they are as responsible for what they do as we are for our septic systems," Ryall said.

The company would use the water to wash its aggregates, a process that property manager Dennis Simmons has not been happening at the site to date.

Simmons, who stressed the process takes little water out of the system and that beaver ponds in the area have been drying up for years, said the wash plant would likely start up next year.

The process is one that recycles the water through a closed loop system settling ponds and filtration systems.

Rodger said the report references certain ponds that wouldn't be affected for 80 to 100 years.

"Which leads me to believe they plan to be here for 80 to 100 years," he said. "Aggregates are king apparently, which is something you don't know until you run up against it."

Peter Taylor is a water resources unit supervisor with the MOE who's been working on the file.

"The government improved the permit to take water permit program, including strengthening reporting requirements," Taylor told the paper in an email. "The company is proposing to move from a site-wide monitoring approach to a sub-watershed monitoring program. Our experts will review this

proposal to ensure the company can demonstrate it will not have any adverse impact to water quality."

He noted there have not been any other changes to the permit and that the proposal is currently listed on the MOE website for public feedback.

"We will review each and every comment submitted and will consider all input given as part of our review," Taylor wrote. "We are committed to protecting our groundwater for present and future generations."

In 2008, the company was given a five-year conditional permit to have a hot-mix asphalt plant at the site, but residents said that project has not come to fruition.



Minden horses compete in Wilberforce

Far right, Mark Fisher of Minden holds tight to the reigns of his five-year-old horses, Scooter and Chance, who were getting their first taste of competition, pulling 5,500 lb. at the 28th annual Wilberforce Agricultural Fair held at the Wilberforce fairgrounds on Saturday, Aug. 6. The two-day fair, which started on Friday with a spaghetti dinner at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce and ended with a roast beef dinner, offered musical entertainment, children's games, food and promoted awareness of agriculture.

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Store to open in spring and create 25 to 50 jobs

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meeting at the end of the August.

There have been significant changes made to the original site plan, but just what those changes consist of is unclear at this time.

Reid was unable to talk about the details of the changes. "I can say I'm very excited about moving to the next step," the reeve said.

The original site plan, presented to the township in 2007, included a 6,000-square-foot retail and automotive store, a 563-square-foot clothing store and a 572-square-foot garden centre, along with a 1.8-metre wooden fence near the residential area on Water Street, noise control screen, enclosed refuse area and tree planting along Water Street.

The company statement says that with a Mark's Work Warehouse and gas bar, the development will comprise 14,000 square feet of retail space.

The store is to be completed in the spring, when a grand opening will be held.

It is expected the store will employ between 25 and 50 people.

The process of bringing Canadian Tire to the community has taken years. A previous site plan adjustment had to be made due to soil conditions on the property and two years ago, during the recession, the entire project was put on hold due to construction costs.

More recently, the company had said it would start construction once the Minden Hills water tower was up and running, which it has been for about a month.

The construction of the tower has saved the company from having to build its own cistern for the store.

There was drilling equipment active on the property on Aug. 4.



This work crew was doing some drilling on the Canadian Tire property at the corner of Highway 35 and Water Street late last week. /Photo by Chad Ingram

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BRYSON'S MARINE

Minden dog takes top spot at trials



Darlene Hill and her papillon Diva won high in trial in obedience at the Dammit Dog Trials in Elliot Lake during the long weekend.

Chad Ingram
Times staff

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

It's a dog-eat-dog world and while Diva the papillon may weigh only six pounds, she ate up the competition at the 19th annual Dammit Dog Trials in Elliot Lake during the long weekend.

Diva, owned by Minden resident Darlene Hill, won high in trial in obedience at the Canadian Kennel Club event.

"Obedience is very structured and very formal," Hill explained. "Your dog needs to be in a particular position."

Obedience trials include demonstrating mastery of heeling, heeling in a figure-eight position, sitting, lying and staying among other commands.

Hill and the five-year-old Diva competed at the novice level.

Hill made her foray into dog sports a number of years ago with her older dog, Amigo, an eight-year-old Havanese.

"I started with Amigo and learned very quickly he didn't like it," she said.

Amigo possesses a calmer, more cautious demeanour than the rambunctious Diva, who seems to live up to her moniker.

French for "butterfly," the papillon gets its name from the way the dog's head, with its ears and facial fur, forms the shape of the insect.

Papillons are up there with border collies, shelties, dobermans and rottweilers as one of the most intelligent, trainable breeds of dog.

The pint-sized Diva often finds herself standing beside much larger dogs at competitions.

"It's rather intimidating for me," Hill said,

noting with wide-eyed squeamishness that some of Diva's competitors are more than large enough to eat her for a snack.

The dog, however, seems unfazed by these circumstances.

"I don't think she realized she's only six pounds," Hill said. "She really doesn't know she's small."

She believes dog sports have the capacity to bring people and their pups close together.

"Dog sports really increase the bond you have with your dog," she said. They're a pack animal. They need to be with you."

Hill and Diva started training with Ann Knight of Country Canine Obedience and Agility and, at Knight's encouragement, sought out further instruction with Esther McGee of Lindsay's Kawartha Canine Dog Training.

They typically attend classes once a week, except during the winter when the drive may be dangerous.

They've also taken classes at the Muskoka District Kennel Club in Gravenhurst.

Hill and Diva will be taking a break from competition for a while, as they prepare to move on from the novice category up to the "open" category, which involves much more difficulty.

While it's unofficial, Hill said Diva's performance in Elliot Lake may have made the number 1-ranked papillon in Ontario and seventh-ranked in the country.

This year's Dammit Dog Trials, the 19th annual, were the largest yet, with 43 dogs and 28 handlers.

Hill said she's enjoying learning the language and culture of the dog sports world.

"It's all about the dogs," she said. "It's fun."

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Celebrating an icon

SOME BUILDINGS are more than buildings. Robinson's General Store is one of those places.

The Dorset landmark celebrated its 90th anniversary during the weekend, a commendable milestone for a business owned and operated by the same family who started it.

And that's part of the appeal of Robinson's.

In a world overrun with multinational corporations, there is something romantic, quaint, reassuring even, about the notion of family-owned and operated business still being family-owned and operated after nearly a century.

It harkens back to a time in the not-so-distant past where so-called "ma-and-pa" shops were the norm.

And while the original store now comprises just a small piece of the oft-expanded building, the place, for the most part, still has a distinct, old-fashioned feel about it.

It seems to breathe history.

And, in a community as small as Dorset, the story of the store is inextricably interwoven with the history of the hamlet.

Robinson's accounts for a good chunk of the community's central

business district to this day.

For some, it's also a nostalgic place.

Yes, folks, we're going to take a tour down memory lane here, so buckle up.

When I was kid, typically once a summer, my parents would take my sister and I to Dorset for a day, a day that began with a trip to the lookout tower.

After the nightmare-inducing horror, I mean, breathtaking scenery of that experience, we'd head to Robinson's where my sister and I would each be allowed

to select one toy.

Even as child, the old-fashioned, trading-post-esque feel of the place was something I just found appealing.

After perusing the store, it was frozen yogurt and watching the boats on Lake of Bays before returning to the cottage.

The whole experience became an engrained part of summers at the cottage.

I'm sure I'm not the only Dorset-area cottager for whom the store plays a part in nostalgic memories.

And I'm sure it will continue to be part of the character of the community for years to come.



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letters to the editor

Consultant clarifies fee for tree work

To the Editor,

Re: Eddie Burke's letter to editor, Aug. 3

I am writing regarding Eddie Burke's letter to the editor last week in the which suggested, among other things, that Minden Hills council had paid consultants "the price of a down payment on a house to find out about whether a tree is rotten."

I was that consultant and I did the work for free.

I wonder what else Eddie has wrong is his letter.

Peter Hynard
Registered professional forester
Minden

Resort owner responds to letter

To the Editor,

It is interesting that garbage and dump access can generate so much interest. As Mr. Ratcliff appears to have not understood what was requested on behalf of guests of Miners' Bay Lodge in my presentation to Minden Hills council, and in order to set the record straight, a review of the facts is warranted.

When Minden Hills decided to reduce the number of bags of garbage that a taxpayer could take to the dump, I informally asked if additional bags would be allowed for businesses that both pay a property tax and a business tax. (These assessments come on two different tax bills.)

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points of view

Time for a change

THIS MORNING, I read an interesting article discussing the origins of the high-five. OK, the article wasn't all that interesting; in fact it was kind of dull. But it did provide one important point – like all great human achievements, the high-five did not just happen. No, it was invented.

That's great, of course, but, personally, I think that it's time we found something new. After all, the high-five is one of the few things that has been around since I was a kid.

So, isn't it about time that we concede that it has a few flaws. For one thing, it's not very useful if the participants have major height differences. In fact, short people have always looked upon high-fives as a cheap rouse designed to make them jump.

Then there is the fact that this simple act provides a vector for the transfer of bacteria and diseases. No one, after all, washes their hands before high-fiving.

And, last but not least, a miss can be both embarrassing and painful. Who among us hasn't had someone high-five their forehead?

That's why, after years of research and development, I'm finally ready to unveil the low-five (patent-pending).

Essentially, it's a modified foot stomp – but one with a difference. You see, as you are stomping, you yell "low-five." These simple and ingenious words change it from an assault on the recipient's instep to a celebratory gesture that is sure to elicit big smiles. Remember, you need to say "low-five" before stomping. That's important.

As you can see, this has many advantages over the old way. First off, it's height compatible. The smallest dwarf could low-five the biggest giant and vice

versa, if ever the need arose. Now that's inclusive! And then there's the fact that there is virtually no chance of cross-infection provided both parties wear shoes. And, lastly, anyone still wearing Crocs would get what they so richly deserve.

Needless to say, a few rules are in order. For instance, it'd probably be best not to low-five anyone if you are wearing cleats or outweigh a pickup truck. But otherwise, the low five is a "shoe"-in.

But why change, you ask?

Let me begin by saying that this is not progress for the sake of progress. Nor does it have anything to do with the fact that I'm short and uncoordinated. Or that I've recently invested in a company that sells steel-toed boots.

The truth is that I believe in the low-

five because it is far less wishy-washy.

Sadly, the same cannot be said of the high-five, which, these days seem to have lost its sense of purpose. Sure, they used to signify some glorious, victorious event, but now they're employed for just about anything. The other day I saw a couple high-five each other at the checkout line just because their bank-card worked. Sadly, he took a palm to the forehead.

Surely, we must aspire to a higher standard.

Low-fives do just that. They're dignified and easy for people of all ages. They're attention getting. They're fun to watch.

I'll admit they're not totally perfect. But at least they're a step in the right direction.

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Steve Galea
Beyond 35

Taxing you out of a family heirloom

TO TELL THE TRUTH, The Brown Dog Jiggs and I are beginning to feel like freeloaders, riding on the wallets of the lakefront ratepayers of Minden Hills. We're not the only ones.

Taxes on a sampling of lakefront properties have increased by 91 per cent over the past 10 years. For a sampling of properties away from the water, the increase is just 36 per cent over the same span, only a little more than inflation.

Out here on Sapsucker Ridge, the taxes on our 50 acres of Sapsucker Ridge and the perfectly adequate cabin in which this column is being written went up \$10.71 this year, slightly more than two per cent.

Sapsucker Ridge is not included in my sampling because my focus is on properties that are primarily residential. Five cottages each on Davis, Gull, Horseshoe and Twelve-Mile Lakes make up my waterfront collection.

My dryland group includes five homes each in the Minden neighbourhoods of McKayville and Stoufferville and the rural communities of Gelert and Howland Junction.

No statistician would say the size of these samples is adequate, but Jiggs and I did the best we could, working down lists of properties for each location until

we found five that seemed not to have been upgraded between 2001 and 2011.

For that, we depended on records of building permits issued by the township, a flaw in our methods because assessments may reflect improvements made without a permit. Still, wetlanders are no more likely than drylanders to cheat on permits.

The tax increase for my 20 wetlanders was larger than the total tax bill for my 20 drylanders. That is, my wetlanders pay an average of \$2,542 this year, an increase of \$1,210 from 2001. Drylanders pay \$1,121, up \$296.

Why should we care? Simple justice. If you can afford the tax on your home when you buy it, you should be able to afford it for as long as your income keeps pace with inflation.

Why do I bring it up now? Because property-tax policy is set by the province, and we have a provincial election coming up. Ask Rick Johnson and Laurie Scott whether they'd change the policy.

If you pay \$350,000 for your cottage this summer, you should expect your tax bill to reflect the price you paid.

But if you are a working guy whose family cottage has remained pretty much unchanged since your grandfather slapped together some plywood and 2by4s in 1953, you may have to sell your heirloom just to pay the taxes on it.

That's not fair. Tax on the inflated value of your 1953 shack is a tax on an unrealized capital gain, as though its increased value is money in the bank instead of an imaginary number in a computer file.

That number treats your cottage as just another investment and not the place that has been the centre of your family life.

Folks in Stoufferville may not realize it, but it will be good news for them if taxes force you to sell your plywood shack. The fancy new cottage that replaces it will add hundreds of thousands of dollars to the township's tax base, and help hold down tax bills in Stoufferville.

Not everybody on the waterfront is rich. Not all cottages are second homes. Summer places become year-round residences and folks who can afford only an apartment in the city buy a place to call their own up here.



Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

When location drives up taxes, taxes become a tool for class warfare, driving out those of modest means to make room for wealthier newcomers. It's happening in old city neighbourhoods and it has certainly happened in Muskoka.

The battle of the billfolds is the way of our modern world, but governments should be a little more sensitive about cashing in on it.

One solution would be to place a percentage limit on assessment bumps, leaving full-scale increases for the day when the property changes hands or the building is upgraded or replaced. Let the township take a chunk of the capital gain when the taxpayer cashes in.

You work out the details. The object is not to protect an investment, but to let a family keep its bit of paradise. Don't let Muskoka happen here!

Thanks to township staffers Elinor Kernohan, Val Roylance and Paula Stamp, who showed me how to find the numbers I used in this column. All opinions or miscalculations are my own.

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Email your letter to the editor to: editor@mindentimes.ca

letters

Clarifying the HST

To the Editor,

I am writing to you today in response to a letter you featured in the letter to the editor column in last week's paper.

It would appear that someone has either gotten incorrect information or misunderstood the application of the harmonized sales tax (HST) on ice cream. I am enclosing the portion of the GST/HST memoranda series which details how the HST is to be charged on ice cream products. You should note that schedule VI, part III, paragraph 1 (k) of the excise tax act governs how the readers should note that parts 74 through 84 give very specific instructions on what terms ice cream is taxable and not taxable.

In the letter to the editor last week, it is clear that Mr. Burke purchased an ice cream cone and in accordance of item 74 in the GST/HST memoranda this would be deemed to be a single serving and taxable accordingly. The memoranda goes on further to identify sizing which affects the taxable issue. Unless Mr. Burke was purchasing more than 500 grams of ice cream, then his ice cream cone was taxed appropriately. However, regardless of size, if ice cream is presented in a single serving, as a cone is, it would still be taxable.

It is unfortunate that these kinds of misunderstandings crop up from time to time. It is not the employees' fault that they have to charge the HST, and it really isn't fair to confront a student or anyone else on the front line of an ice cream parlour with this issue.

I do hope this helps anyone interested to better understand how the HST affects ice cream sales and if you don't like it, remember to tell the politicians when you vote.

John Ayres,
Minden

Pre-selection controls meeting outcome

To the Editor,

In response to the July 27 article *Property owners group forms over Rail Trail* I wish to provide additional information regarding the first meeting of this group. The article outlined various perceived problems of motorized traffic on this multiuse trail. It can be no surprise this negative position was brought forth. A telephone campaign was used in part to notify landowners and adjacent landowners of this meeting. A Director of the Haliburton ATV Association was called; one of the first questions asked was, "Do you own an ATV?" and when they replied they did the caller responded that they were not welcome at the meeting. By pre-selecting who can attend a meeting you thereby control the outcome. Please also note that Ute Wright, prominent in the article, is also a main voice of the Friends of the Rail Trail. It would appear this is simply an attempt to form an offshoot group with the same objectives as FoRT.

Ron Cook
Minden

Owner seeking clarification on policy

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Former Reeve Rigney acknowledged that this possible inequity had not been taken into consideration when the 2 bag policy was enacted, and indicated that the question would come before council. About a year later, he indicated that no action had been taken. I accepted his report.

Due to a reversal in written policy by former Ontario finance minister Sobara several years ago, most trailers, which can only be used for several months of the year (as there is no municipal infrastructure), are now assessed the same as a mobile home which is used 365 days a year. As I indicated to council in my presentation, MPAC policy does not assess these trailers directly, but assesses the land owner for trailers owned by others on his property. Minden Hills sends a supplementary tax bill based on this assessment. While the trailer owner does not appear on the tax roll, MPAC maintains a file which lists each privately owned trailer located in MBL property, and this is the basis for the third level of assessment which MBL receives (property tax, business tax, and tax on these units not owned by but on MBL property).

Given that the council had not dealt with the issue of an additional bag limit for business, and in light of three levels of

assessment, I asked staff at Minden Hills several years ago if dump cards would be provided to the trailer owners who had been assessed. This was partially do to the then contentious issue of whether or not individuals were allowed to take garbage to the dump which was not their own (i.e., for a neighbour, or in our case, a guest).

Our request was to seek clarification on existing policy. If some members of council and their supporters are offended by our request, so be it. We will respect whatever decisions is forthcoming. If as much effort was put into giving serious consideration to such requests as there appears to be to opposing them by some, perhaps our community would be seen as more business friendly and attract additional needed business investment.

Russell J. Wunker
Miners' Bay Lodge

Don't paint teenagers with same brush

To the Editor,

I read Eddie Burke's diatribe in last week's edition. Normally, I enjoy a good rant as much as the next person but I didn't enjoy Mr. Burke's. It was unfair in one respect and incomplete in another.

First off, do not paint all working teens with the same brush. With the exception of a very few occasions (and the ones involved I'm sure remember them very well), I have had good experiences with the kids around town working at the various establishments, fast-food or otherwise.

Yes, there have been times I've asked a question to be met with a blank look but I can count the number of "duh, i don't care" looks on one hand and have enough fingers left over to hold my dog's leash. I have seen frozen "OMG, what do I say

now?"; I have seen panicked "I don't remember!!!!"; I have even seen "oh, please don't get mad at me!" but very very rarely have I seen "sod you" Come to think of it, I've told mature workers more than I care to remember "hey, if you hate your job that much, find something else".

Now, about the HST being charged illegally, yes, you could write your local paper and make a huge stink about it and paint all working kids with the same brush and, hey, why not give Minden an undeservedly black eye while you're at it?

Or you could do what I do: keep the receipts and claim it all back at tax time.

Silja Hare
Minden

Be careful in peak West Nile season

Don't be in denial when it comes to the risk of West Nile virus this summer.

While no cases of West Nile virus have yet been detected this year in Haliburton County, Northumberland County, and the City of Kawartha Lakes, area residents are still being urged to continue taking extra precautions against the disease. The peak time for West Nile is just around the corner, and that makes it important to avoid the bite of mosquitoes that can spread the virus, according to the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

"There is no good time or reason to be bitten by mosquito, and that's especially true as we enter the peak season of West Nile virus activity in August and September," says Anne Alexander, director of environmental health with the HKPR District Health Unit. "The fact that we have experienced heavy rains over the past week can also contribute to pools of stagnant water that are ideal mosquito breeding grounds."

To fight the bite of mosquitoes that can spread West Nile virus, the health unit encourages people to:

- Clean up and remove any standing water around their homes, cottages or campsites. Mosquitoes need stagnant water to lay their eggs, and even small amounts will do such as that found in bird baths, old tires and unused containers like barrels. Adult mosquitoes also like to rest in dense shrubbery, so people should keep bushes and shrubs clear of overgrowth and debris. Compost piles should be turned on a regular basis as well, and local residents are advised to make sure homes are 'bug tight' by ensuring windows and door screens fit tight and do not have holes.

- Cover up when outside by wearing light-coloured clothing such as long-sleeved shirts, jackets, long pants, hats and socks, especially between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active. Applying federally-registered insect repellent on exposed skin (such as products containing DEET) is also recommended to limit exposure to mosquitoes.

For more information call the health unit at 1-866-888-4577 or visit www.hkpr.on.ca.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT CLARKE – RZ-11-07(P)

TAKE NOTICE that the Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills has received an application (referenced RZ-11-07(P)) for an amendment to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10 and will hold a public meeting on THURSDAY, August 25, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at the Minden Hills Municipal Office (7 Milne St., Minden Village) to consider the proposed Zoning By-law amendment as required under Section 34 of the Planning Act.

Location of Subject Lands

The proposed Zoning By-law amendment applies to lands located in part of Lot 10, Concession 2 in the geographic Township of Lutterworth. The lands are located at 1037 Lilypad Lane on Davis Lake and the total area of the subject lands is approximately 2,600 sq. m. (0.64 acres).

Purpose and Effect of the Zoning By-law Amendment

The applicant has submitted an application for a Zoning By-law Amendment.

The subject property is currently zoned Shoreline Residential (SR) in Zoning By-law No. 06-10 of the Township of Minden Hills.

The purpose of the proposed zoning By-law amendment is to further amend By-law 06-10, Schedule '18', to permit an accessory structure in the front yard with deficient setbacks.

Representation

A public meeting will be held on THURSDAY, August 25, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. to consider the proposed Zoning By-law amendment. Any person may attend the public meeting and make written and/or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed amendment.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council before the proposed amendment are passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Minden Hills before the Zoning By-law amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Information

Additional information relating to the proposed zoning by-law is available to the public for inspection at the Municipality of Minden Hills Planning Department during normal office hours.

Date of this Notice: August 3, 2011
(Ms.) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST
Planning Administrator
Township of Minden Hills
P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street
Minden, Ontario KOM 2K0

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Every Friday night (with exceptions) 7:00 pm Music by the Gull- public dock -Gull River (Water Street) Minden
August 11th 9:00 am COTW/General Committee meeting (10:00 public session) Special Council Meeting following COTW
August 13th 8:00am Minden 150 Bike tour – 3rd Annual – visit www.minden150.ca
August 13th 6:00pm Minden Lion's Club Spaghetti Dinners 2011 Minden Lion's Hall
August 13th Minden Arena – Country Music Hoe Down (Host: Community Care)
August 16th 7:00pm Irondale Community Centre Advisory board meeting, Irondale Comm Ctre
August 19/20 Haliburton County Fair, (Minden Fairgrounds)
August 23rd 7:00 pm Ghost Walk gather at the Minden River Cone
August 25th 9:00 am Council Meeting (open portion shall commence at 10:00 a.m.) Council Chambers)
Until August 25th – 7:00 pm Tuesday and Thursday evenings Minden Ghost Walks
August 25th 7:00pm Lochlin Community Centre Advisory board meeting, Lochlin Comm Ctre
August 27th Kash End of Summer Dash
August 31st 6:00 pm Minden Girl Guides and Haliburton Cadet programming - Village Green
Until September 2011 (Fridays) 1:00 – 5:00 pm Haliburton County Farmers' Market - Highway #118 just west of #35
September 3rd 8:00 am to 11:30 am Household Hazardous Waste Day, Scotch Line landfill site
September 8th 7:00 pm Parks and Rec Committee meeting
September 18th Terry Fox Run, Minden Hills Community Centre



Cultural Center revised

What is it about that object Workshop

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is offering a very unique workshop where you bring your most beloved object, and implementing creative methods using art and writing, bring out the story that connects you to it. Facilitated by Fay Wilkinson, Rose Pearson and writer-in-resident Ron Evans, this "What is it about that object?" workshop will bring about a final piece of work that will commemorate your treasured object forever. Cost is \$15 per person. Saturday August 20 from 9am to 4pm.

To pre-register call the gallery at 705-286-3763

Rose Pearson's the Teapot Inquiry

At the Agnes Jamieson Gallery • June 29th-August 27, 10am-5pm

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\$20, pre-registration is required

For More information please contact the Cultural Centre at (705) 286-3763 or culturalcentreinfo@mindenhills.ca

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

The Township of Minden Hills is inviting residents to participate in a Doctor Survey. If you have not received a survey form, you are welcome to visit the Tax Department at 7 Milne Street, Minden or visit our website at

www.mindenhills.ca (Public Notices)

Completed survey forms are accepted directly at the Township Office in the Tax Department, by fax, regular mail or by email (scanned copy).

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Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in completing a survey form.

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Store celebrates 90 years of business

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

A Dorset icon is celebrating a milestone. Robinson's General Store is 90 years old.

Originally called McKey's General Store, it was owned and operated by Fred McKey and his wife Marguerite and was located across the street from where the store stands today.

The business was moved to its current location in 1921.

When McKey died, Marguerite married Harry Robinson and the store's name was changed.

Their son, current owner Brad Robinson, was born in 1935 and grew up in the apartment above the store.

"We'll make the store so good, people will have to come," Brad remembers his father saying.

In its early years, the store's patrons consisted mostly of loggers working in the area and local residents.

When the Second World War came, Harry went to fight, just as he had in the First World War.

Many other members of the Dorset community went to war as well or went to work in munitions factories and for a few years, from 1941 to 1943, the store was closed down.

"There were very few people here," Brad says.

After the war, the government began opening up its land in the area, selling waterfront lots at reasonable prices.

That brought cottagers and tourists and their arrival would transform the store incredibly.

In 1950, Robinson's General Store went through the first of 15 additions that would take it from the original 1,200-square-foot building to the 15,000-square-foot retail space it is today.

"The reason for [the series of small additions] is we wouldn't borrow money," Brad says with smile, explaining that the store would usually grow after a period of profit.

Demand also dictated the store's growth.

"There's no sense building a church for Easter Sunday," Brad says.

Situated on Lake of Bays, a unique feature of Robinson's is that people can come by boat to do their shopping.

"That's a big part of our business," Brad says. "It's a real pleasure to come shopping by boat."

He took over as head honcho at the store at the tender of age of just 20 or so.

"You can't have two bosses," he recalls his father saying. "From now on, you're the boss."

Brad remained the boss for some 35 years, overseeing many of the store's expansions, including the construction in 1967 of the strip mall building opposite the parking lot from the store where the LCBO is located.

His father and mother died in 1975 and 1976 respectively, working at the store right up to the end of their lives.

In the 1980s, the store expanded again to include a Home Hardware and a Foodland. It was voted Canada's best country store and Brad was named Haliburton County's Highlander of the Year.



Chad Ingram Times staff

Brad Robinson, left, stands with his daughter Joanne and son-in-law Willie Hatton outside the Dorset business his family started in 1921. The store has undergone 15 additions since 1950, growing from 1,200 to 15,000 square feet in size.

In the early 1990s, Brad's daughter Joanne, a computer scientist who'd been working for IBM, returned to Dorset with husband Willie Hatton and young son Ryan.

"I never in my wildest dreams thought she'd come back," Brad confesses, adding he didn't mind passing on the reins of responsibility to his daughter and son-in-law. "They basically run the store."

Brad, however, is far from removed from the business where he's spent his entire life.

Still working five days a week, he fulfills the role of what he calls "the good old boy," spending much of his

time meeting and greeting customers.

Just minutes before entering his second-storey office for an interview, he'd been changing long, fluorescent light bulbs in the area near the checkout.

With grandson Ryan off at school, Brad says it's unclear at this time whether the tradition of the store will continue with a fourth generation of the family, and seemed perfectly fine with that.

"[If Ryan wants to take over] that'd be great," he says with an easy shrug. "But if not . . ."

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Hall still looking for task group members

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Community development planner Kate Hall is still looking for people interested in sitting on the task group that will design and oversee the public engagement process regarding the Haliburton County Rail Trail.

Hall has been hired by county council to find a solution for the controversial corridor.

Ideally, she envisions the task group being comprised of six or seven individuals with problem-solving and collabora-

tive-decision making experience who have an objective relationship with the Rail Trail and are prepared to commit to a "hands-on, intensive, six-month kind of process."

Ideally, these people will be non-users of the trail. "We need folks who are not necessarily users," Hall said. "It stands to reason that the folks who ask the questions don't answer the questions. We've had a constituency-based approach before . . . and that's had limited success."

In the past, the county has held large public meetings where those with something to say on the subject of the Rail Trail have been given time to plead their case before councillors.

What Hall has in mind is a completely different kind of public engagement process that may rely on surveys, workshops and other methods to gather input from trail users.

She expects the input-gathering will go on between September and November.

Applications for the task group will be accepted until Aug. 19.

For more information, visit the county website and under the county government menu look for economic development and tourism.

Bear sighted wandering on Kinmount's main street

There have been several incidents involving humans and wild animals in the City of Kawartha Lakes where provincial police officers have had to respond to.

Most recently, a bear has been sighted during the morning hours wandering near the main street, through the Village of Kinmount. Bears forage for food primarily by their keen sense of smell and they will investigate that smell even if it is coming from your home, cottage or camp.

Most problems between black bears and humans occur when bears are attracted to the smell of an easy meal of bird food, pet food or garbage and they will return as long as the food source continues to be available.

What you can do to avoid problems with bears

- Fill bird feeders only through the winter months
- Put garbage in containers with tight fitting lids and only

put it out on garbage days, not the night before

- Store garbage containers in bear resistant bins, sheds or garages but do not store in plywood boxes, old freezers or vehicles.

- Do not stockpile garbage, take it to the dump frequently

- Never leave garbage behind. If you must leave before garbage day or if you do not have pick-up, take your garbage with you when you go. Take it to the dump or local transfer station.

- Keep meat scraps in the freezer until garbage day
- Do not leave pet food outdoors. Feed pets indoors, not outside or in screened in areas or porches.

- Remove grease and food residue from barbeque grills, including the grease cup underneath, after each use.

- Do not put meat fish or sweet food (including fruit) in your composter

- Pick all ripe fruit off trees and remove vegetables and

fallen fruit from the ground

- Never purposely feed bears (or other wildlife) or try to approach them!

Remember, you are responsible for your own personal safety. Take precautions when you are outdoors.

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Let us not lose the vision

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre would like to take you behind the scenes of this institution. Our hope is to enlighten everyone as to what the centre is, how it functions and what we have to offer the community.

In the beginning there was nothing. Then the corner of Bobcaygeon Road and Parkside Street was split into the museum and the library. A small woman by the name of Dr. Agnes Jamieson was determined to have a gallery in the library building, her vision being a cultural centre with three elements. Jamieson worked with a group of dedicated volunteers including Gina and Margot Ziorgen, Gary Kennedy, Glen Diezel, Jean Cox, Grace Turton, Heidi Riggenbach, Barbara Elder, Sylvia Howard, Marian Ingram, Edith Sanders, Bill Sanders and Elizabeth Carrell. In 1981, the Agnes Jamieson Gallery official opened.

A year later, a group of local historians including Aileen Blears, Wendy Wilkins, Howard Clyde, Jennie Hagan, D Prichard, Irene Moore, Jennie Hagan and Laura Kirkwood opened the Minden Museum. Dick Kirkwood and John

Hulbig were also important contributors and volunteers.

Since 1982, these two facilities have welcomed hundreds of volunteers who have cared for and built the permanent collections and created programming for the community. Over the last year, the centre gratefully worked with over 50 volunteers ranging in age from 12 to 70 years plus.

From the beginning, both the gallery and the museum have been owned and operated by the township, but they have also always obtained grants to help offset expenses.

In 2003, the gallery and museum officially became the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation was created as a fundraising arm for the centre.

In 2004, the Agnes Jamieson Gallery received federal and provincial funding, which was matched with municipal revenue and fundraising, to renovate and expand in order to better preserve its collection and bring it to public gallery standards. This increase in standards allows the gallery to accept more significant work to the collection, bring in touring exhibitions and borrow significant artwork from other public galleries that require special environmental control. A large part of the revenue for the expansion also came from the bequeathed estate of Jamieson.

In 2007, construction of R.D. Lawrence Place was funded by federal and provincial grants, municipal revenues, and public donations. The cost was dramatically reduced by construction labour being provided by students in the Sustainable building program at Fleming College. The centre gained not only a beautiful new building that is used as a teaching tool for environmental education, but also the donation by Sharon Lawrence of the nationally significant R.D. Lawrence collection.

Once again none of it would have been possible without the hard work of volunteers. In this case, Sharon Lawrence, Pauline Johnson, Tammy Rea, Steve Smith, Marci Mandel, Sally Moore, Marc Schroetter, Bill Obee, Peter and Klara Oyler and Cheryl Murdoch, as well as former centre director Dianne Graham.

The Minden Hills Museum's mandate is to collect and preserve artifacts that relate to Minden, specifically from 1866 to the First World War. Presently the collection has 4,000 artifacts which rotate throughout the five historical buildings in the heritage village each year.

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery has the largest collection of work by national artist André Lapine. Recently a new curatorial mandate was created to emphasize the collection by concentrating on Canadian landscape art as a predominate theme in programming – in both traditional and contemporary work. Exhibitions change every two months year round and have included artists from across Canada.

The vision for the R.D. Lawrence Place is to foster a love of reading, promote the art of writing and deepen respect for our natural heritage. R.D. Lawrence Place provides the centre with not just a spotlight on an extraordinary man from Haliburton County, but year-round literary programming and environmental education.

The Centre now welcomes visitors from around the world. It is interesting to look through visitor guest books to see where people have come from.

In 2009, the Agnes Jamieson Gallery and Minden Hills Museum were bequeathed the estate of Dick and Laura Kirkwood which has been invested for the betterment of these two institutions.

In 2010, the Centre was awarded \$130,000 in grants which does not include fundraising. Recently, the museum applied to CMOG (Canadian Museum Operating Grant) which will, when approved, create an annual source of revenue. The gallery annually applies to the Ontario Arts Council for funding to offset the costs of exhibitions. It is important to note there are no foundations or charities that will fund operational costs for public institutions, especially if they are municipally operated. They will fund specific projects, such as the Walter Duncan Gordon Foundation, that has recently awarded the Agnes Jamieson Gallery funding for a sculpture by Mary Anne Barkhouse, a local but also internationally successful artist.

The main purpose for the centre is the collections. Not only is the preservation of these collections important, requiring proper maintenance and air-quality-controlled environments, but the cataloguing of them will allow each section to eventually post items on the centre's website for everyone to view for research purposes. The museum's photo collection has wonderful images of Minden that will soon be made available as prints in the centre's gift shop.

The second important function of the centre is to educate about visual art, heritage, environmental issues and literature. Through year-round programming the centre offers exceptional art exhibitions, art talks, literary events, workshops for children and adults, environmental information and living history activities. Visited by local and private schools, camps and bus tours, the centre is a place where one can learn so much in one day. On average, the centre has 8,000 visits in a year. This is an exceptional accomplishment considering the size of Minden and that the centre has only been officially promoted for eight years.

Creation and implementation of programming, managing the collections, and administering the centre, falls to three part time curators, a collections person (who works two days a week) and a full-time director. In the summer, the centre has a student for each section. This additional cost is offset by grants. Each curator has management responsibilities for their budgets, administration, programming, volunteer management and collections. Each receives benefits but no raises have ever been given outside of the normal three per cent each year. Increases to the centre's staff wages over the past five years have been due to more staff being hired, the curator for the R.D. Lawrence Place, a full-time director and the collections person.

It is hoped by the staff that the community will continue to support and participate at the centre. The past five years have brought major changes. If you have never been, it's time to visit. If you have visited, please return as the exhibitions change monthly and new activities are always available. Our website lists all the programming www.minden-culturalcentre.com. The staff welcome comments and suggestions, you can call 705-286-2808 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.

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A cherished object

Weddings are always an event filled with the loveliest of objects, and Olive Rogers's wedding fan is no exception. This fan features large pink and purple flowers, on a peach background. The white wood handles are decorated with gold paint. The fan is currently on display at the museum in the Bowron House upstairs as part of the Beautiful Books exhibit.

Do you have a cherished object that you would never part with? Have you truly considered why? The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is offering a workshop that is a creative exploration to capture the story of your cherished object on Saturday, Aug. 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Register by calling 705-286-3763. \$15 per person. **Submitted photo.**

Creativity blossomed at flower show

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Event coordinator Karen Shirley said a precedent was set when Linda Pentney and Anna Holloway shared the honour of tying for the most total points won at the Minden and District Horticultural Society's 32nd annual flower

show Toyland, hosted at the Minden Community Centre on Friday, Aug. 5 and Saturday, Aug. 6. Pentney also captured the Best in Show award, taking top place with her Old MacDonald's Farm scene. The show included 28 adult exhibitors with 342 adult entries and eight junior exhibitors with 37 entries in the event that showcases the most talented gardeners in the district.



Linda Pentney holds up her Best in Show trophy standing above her winning Old MacDonald's Farm scene for the class 59, Section D at the Minden and District Horticultural Society flower show on Saturday, Aug. 6. Pentney also won the wooden sculpture, left, from the Treasury and Trading Post in Coboconk.

Darren Lum Times staff



Above, Linda Pentney's winning gladiolus flower stretches towards the ceiling. Left, Nancy Garbutt's annual captured the top prize.



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The etiquette of Victorian tea time

Etiquette, which now a day is looked upon rather lightly, used to guide and shape society. Etiquette dictated how to act and manage all social situations. Although the rules for Victorian etiquette did not manage to cover every possibility, they were so diverse and involved, that rarely was the excuse "I just didn't know what to do," heard. Although most people extensively discuss the rules that women had to follow, there were equally strict rules for men. I have covered some of them for a variety of museum events. I would now like to take the time to dive into the Victorian etiquette for tea, specifically high tea.

High tea, to the Victorians, was held in the afternoon, and comprised of delicate sandwiches, scones and some cookies or cakes along with copious amounts of tea and light-hearted chatter. Along with the light chatter, there were many rituals and social observances revolving around the tea.

When the guests arrive at a tea, the hostess will seat them at the table and ensure that they receive tea shortly after

being seated. The guests, however, should serve themselves from the food plates on the tables. It is permissible to eat the food with your hands; but guests should make sure to take small bites instead of filling their mouth.

When the tea is served, milk should be poured in first to ensure that the hot tea does not break the china, and after the tea is poured, sugar should be added. Tea should be stirred with a spoon, however the spoon should never touch the bottom or sides of the cup, least it make noise. Teacups should be lifted by inserting the index finger through the handle, and using the remaining finger to support the rest of the cup. North American etiquette guides disagree on whether it is acceptable to raise your little finger. However, British guides firmly instruct not to extend any finger at all.

The napkin should remain on your lap during the tea, however if you must leave the table, place your napkin on your seat. Upon leaving the gathering, place the used napkin on the table, not in any cup or on any plate.

During the course of the tea, conversation topics should be kept light and interesting to all present. Planning and organizing future gatherings is also permissible.

Never touch your face or head at any time during the tea.

It is common for some forms of entertainment to be provided during the tea. Guests should be prepared to perform if the hostess calls upon them. Poems, songs, short entertaining polite stories and passages from well known books are all acceptable forms of entertainment. Jokes and riddles may be used, provided all guests are well known, and none would be offended.

While it was the Victorians who popularized the tradition of the afternoon tea, it has remained popular with both the British and Canadians ever since. The Minden Hills Museum is hosting two teas this year on Aug. 10 and Aug. 17 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the afternoon. Each tea costs \$10 per person, and includes admission to the centre.

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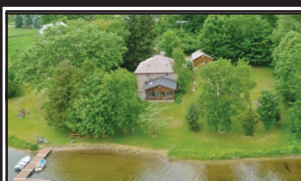
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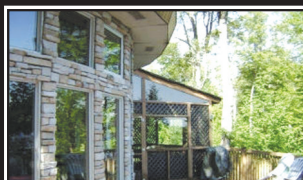
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Haliburton County Outdoors

by Steve Galea

Baiting debate

Hunting black bear over bait is a long-standing practice throughout much of Ontario – and right now many hunters are scouting, preparing or replenishing bait sites for Sept. 1, when our bear season here in Haliburton County begins.

Mention baiting to some people, however, and their noses immediately turn up. “It’s unfair and unsporting,” they say. Baiting, they suggest, habituates animals to come to the dinner bell where they get promptly ambushed.

The truth is it’s rarely that easy and, unless you have the time and resources to maintain a pack of bear hounds, baiting is really the only practical way to hunt bears throughout much of Ontario. And, contrary to popular belief, it does not guarantee you a bear. Moreover, there’s actually a lot of skill involved.

This is because, contrary to what we see at our landfill sites, bears are wild animals that rarely drop their guard when approaching a bait site. They typically approach with a great deal of caution and if the wind shifts or the hunter moves or makes noise, the animal will leave before being seen or delay its visit until after dark.

The last time I hunted over bait, the site was getting hit daily. Even so, it took five days of waiting before the bear visited during legal shooting light. During that time, I fed a lot of mosquitoes while trying to do my best to stay still.

That illustrates the major traits – stealth and patience – required to wait out a bear.

Both are critical because any movement or unnatural sound can destroy your chances of ever seeing one. I finally got that bear, but I can honestly say I’ve rarely hunted so hard for an animal.

One reason why baiting is needed is that we do not live in a country that’s conducive to stalking or stand-hunting bears. With the exception of northern slashes loaded with blueberries or crop fields, most of our cover is too tight and bears are too elusive to give a stalking hunter a reasonable chance. Some hunters do it, but they are the exception.

Baiting actually aids in conservation too. That’s because it allows a hunter to determine if the animal is a boar or a sow with cubs. Most hunters do not take the latter because they realize the loss of the sow could mean the death of the cubs. Taking boars, on the other hand, rarely affects the population adversely.

Baiting also draws in bears within archery range and positions them for an ethical, quick-killing shot. And, if you don’t think that it’s a challenge to bow hunt for bears, try sitting in a tree while one is climbing it. These up close and personal experiences are not uncommon while hunting over bait.

The bottom line is that baiting is one of those things that seems unfair until you actually examine the realities of the situation. When you do that, it’s easy to see that it takes a lot of commitment and a bit of skill to enjoy a bowl of bear stew.



While baiting bears might seem like it gives hunters an unfair advantage, baiting is a lot easier said than done.
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All beaches in Haliburton County declared open

Rebecca Potter
Special to the *Times*

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit reported all beaches in Haliburton County are now open to the public for swimming as of Aug. 1.

Results from a provincial lab in Peterborough found that bacteria levels in all the lakes in the county were within accepta-

blance.

Gooderham beach and Haliburton Lake South, which were both unsafe to swim in last week due to E. coli, are now open.

All open beaches include Dorset Parkette, Stanhope Beach, Halls Lake Beach, Eagle Lake, Indian Point, Pine Lake, Sandy Cove Beach, Paudash Lake, Wilbermere, Bisset Beach, Little Horseshoe Lake and Twelve Mile Lake.

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The Stanhope Museum says thank you!

The 9th Annual Stanhope Heritage Day was another big success. More than 800 folks enjoyed the day!

Our demonstrators:

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If we missed you here, we apologize.

If you would like to demonstrate your heritage art or trade at next year's Heritage Day, email us to enquire at info@stanhopemuseum.on.ca

The Stanhope Museum is open Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Sat. 11 - 2
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Turn of the century table cloth

This table cloth was hand embroidered by Jim Burton's grandmother. It dates to around the turn of the century and contains many beautiful images of birds and flowers. Made with bright cheerful colours in cross stitch this tablecloth would have taken many hours of work to create. Handmade lace borders the large round tablecloth.

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Curlers get swept up in camp

Photos by Chad Ingram

Seventeen young curlers from Minden, Haliburton and Belleville took part in the first summer curling camp hosted by Minden Hills township from Aug. 2 to 4. The event, part of the township's recreational programming, was put on in conjunction with the Minden Curling Club. Local curling guru Russ Duhaime led a team of accomplished junior coaches who helped participants work on their skills. Two curling sheets were installed on the ice pad at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena for the event.

Minden Curling Club upgrades equipment

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The Minden Curling Club is getting some new equipment.

The club is upgrading its refrigeration plant after receiving a grant from the Trillium Foundation.

"We're taking some old equipment out and putting some new equipment in," said club president Steve Robson, adding the new machinery is more energy efficient and should help to lower the club's operating costs. "We're quite pleased with it."

The equipment being replaced is about 20 years old and while it hadn't caused any ice condition problems, Robson said it was important to make upgrades to the equipment before it got to that point.

"It's kind of like fix it before it breaks," he said.

The club received a grant of \$61,900, which it matched with money it raised itself.

This was done through fundraising events such as bonspiels.

"All our events are run by volunteers," Robson said. "Ninety per cent of our maintenance is done by volunteers."

Club members also operated the gate at the Kinmount fair, which Robson said earns the club quite a bit of cash.

This year, 90 of the club's 250 or so members will be volunteering at the fair.

The new equipment is being installed now and the process should be completed by the end of the month.

The ice at the curling club will go back in in late September.



Left, Tyler Warham, a member of the curling team at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, works on his technique during a curling camp at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Aug. 3.

Below, Sam Pilcher slides out of the hack.



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Rediscover biking while learning

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

A cycling enthusiast is hoping to bring the kid out of everyone with two new bicycle tours.

Pamela Marsales's face brightens when she explains her reason to propose two upcoming bicycle tours: a 19-kilometre ride on the Tay Shores Trail in Midland and a 10-km ride on the Algonquin Park Old Railway Trail.

Both promise a leisurely pace, offering a combination of education, socialization and fitness. If interest warrants, they are tentatively scheduled for this autumn.

"It's an opportunity for people to rediscover the joy of bicycling they hopefully had as a child. I hope everyone has that memory from their childhood. I sure do," Marsales said.

With her own 20-year absence from the sport, she rediscovered cycling while on an impromptu 24-km tour in France eight years ago. On her immediate return she bought a bike and hit the local Rail Trail.

"The first time I was on a Rail Trail I was squealing with joy," she said. "It was just like, 'Hey, this is what it was like when I was a kid.' You feel free and it's fun. You're not worried about car traffic and anything else. Even if someone doesn't know how to use their gears they're probably ok."

Marsales, who is an active leader for the Friends of the Rail Trail, hopes to share this feeling. She points out the upcoming tours are separate events from the Friends of the Rail Trail and that participants sign up at their own risk.

Recently retired Haliburton resident Chris Lynd is interested in the new offering, particularly for its inclusive quality and exclusive use of easy trails.

"I'm really interested in spending my spare time being physical, enjoying the outdoors and nature. I don't have all the

skills ... I'm not an advanced cyclist by any means and so riding on the highway is not something that particularly appeals to me at this point in my existence. I need more practice," she said.

Lynd, who has always owned a bicycle, was an educator for 30 years and is intrigued by the educational component offered through the upcoming two tours that will include stops to share stories and history.

"I think there are lots of people like me that just want to [have a leisurely ride], something that is 10 km, which is not frightening to me at all," she said. "The pace is a little slower. You get to talk with people a little more ... getting to places I don't know about that someone else has discovered. It's my chance to go and have a look at it with them."

The idea for these tours came from the Friends of the Rail Trail's success hosting the recently held Stanhope Heritage Cycling Tour, which drew 20 participants, including a woman from New Zealand and a few young children.

Unlike other bicycling clubs, Marsales said if there is enough interest in these tours she would create an inclusive club for children and adults of varying degrees of fitness and skills from the beginner to the advanced.

Marsales envisions adding bicycle tours to the Friends of the Rail Trail Sunday rambles that start next spring.

Lynd is anxious to participate and loves the fact someone else has done all the organization.

"That's another reason. Someone else has figured it all out. Someone has had the time to try them out and know what is good and so for someone like me who is busy I can go, 'ok, this one appeals to me,'" Lynd said.

For more information contact Pamela Marsales at 705 457-4767 or info@friendsoftherailtrail.ca.



Darren Lum Times staff

Haliburton resident and soon-to-be tour-cyclist Chris Lynd has recently retired, but still maintains a busy schedule and is keen to try a leisurely bicycle tour that also offers an educational component. Lynd also believes riding on a trail will be far more relaxing than road riding.

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Crush your curiosity at Hand of the Maker

Have you ever walked through a craft or fine art show and asked yourself, or wanted to ask the artist, how is that done? There is definitely no straightforward answer. An example of the creative process can be seen during Laurie O'Reilly's Hand of the Maker exhibit at The Art Hive. Here you can explore some of O'Reilly's new art as she moves her figurative works from a fathers focus to a focus on daughters. O'Reilly has also developed a number of smaller encaustic

pieces, many of which are in a series called Faces of Vietnam, which capture images from a recent trip.

Experience the creative process as you "view through" a sample from her new series which continues the narrative. This series has been funded by an OAC grant and consists of merging different media - computer montages, encaustic medium (wax) and drawing - into a unique art creation.

The Art Hive's Hand of the Maker exhibits highlight a dif-

ferent member of the Maple Lake Artists Collective every two weeks during the summer season. O'Reilly's show is Aug. 12 to the 25. The opening is Aug. 12, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Meet the artist, ask the questions, enjoy some finger food and the company of like-minded individuals.

The Art Hive is located at 10239 Highway 118, about 5 km east of Carnarvon.

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Hanging Out In The Garden with Artist Sharon Lynch

Wednesday August 17, 9:30-12 p.m.

The Art Hive

Description: Making a clay planter to hang on your garden fence, porch or deck is easy and fun. Add colour and modeling details to make it truly personal.

Cost: \$25 plus a \$5 material fee

Age: 13 and up

Contact: 705 754-0021

An introduction to 3D art with Artist Laurie O'Reilly

Wednesday August 17, 1-4 p.m.

The Art Hive

Description: Create art pieces using additive and sub-

tractive sculpture techniques.

Cost \$25

Age: 7 and up

Contact: 705 754-0021

Logos with Artist Laurie O'Reilly

Thursday August 18, 9:30 -12 p.m.

The Art Hive

Description: Like Nike's check mark, you too can have your own personal logo. You can use it to identify yourself on letters, emails or secret messages.

Cost \$25

Age: 7 and up

Contact: 705 754-0021

Patterning with Artist Laurie O'Reilly

Thursday August 18, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

The Art Hive

Description: Creating art through patterning; Using paint and markers we will examine this ancient and modern technique of mark making.

Cost \$25

Age: 7 and up

Contact: 705 754-0021

Clay Monster Eggs with Artist Sharon Lynch

Friday August 19, 9:30-12 p.m.

The Art Hive

Description: What would a monster hatching from an egg look like? A gruesome eye, a weird arm emerging through the crack and you made it yourself! Colour makes it even better!

Cost: \$25 plus a \$5 material fee

Age: 7 and up

Contact: 705 754-0021



Notice to the Public REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

for the provision of Professional Consulting Services for a Compensation and Pay Equity Review

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is accepting Request for Proposals from interested parties for the provision of Professional Consulting Services for a Compensation and Pay Equity Review.

Qualified persons may pick up a Request for Proposal package from the Municipal Office at 1123 North Shore Road or contact Angie Bird, CAO at 705-489-2379 Ext. 222 to request a package via email. RFP packages may also be obtained off the website at www.algonquinhighlands.ca.

Sealed proposals clearly marked "COMPENSATION AND PAY EQUITY REVIEW RFP#2011-001" must be received by:

3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 2011.

The municipality will review the proposals received and a recommendation regarding the successful bidder will be made at the next regular meeting of Council to be held Thursday, September 22, 2011.

All Request for Proposals received become the property of the Township of Algonquin Highlands and as such are the subject to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Dated: August 4, 2011

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Remembering Gelert's one-room school, 1865-1950

Marion Sedgwick
Special to the Times

As soon as they could, the pioneers in Snowdon township (now part of Minden Hills) organized to build a school. How much provincial (or local) government help they received I do not know, but probably very little. Several men volunteered, or were chosen, to be the "school board." Each was called a trustee. The first school at Gelert was a log structure at what is now the intersection of Gelert Road and Sedgwick Road. Later it was moved or replaced by one to be near the railway station, where the present hall now stands.

Somewhat less than an acre of land was donated. The board would pay \$1 for the land to legalize the transaction. It would be no trouble to build a simple structure and plain long tables and benches.

Maybe an authority figure, either political or of the school inspection type, decided that the schools would be more or less four miles apart. This was considered walkable throughout the school year. Bush trails passed as roads. There was now snowplowing; it is not hard to see the small children could not plough through deep drifts. There was much unavoidable absentee-

ism.

Other complications might be noted. My mother grew up on Fletcher Lake, now Fletcher Bay on Hollow Lake. The family lived on one side of the lake; the school was on the other. Classes were held in the summer only when the children could row across.

The greatest problem the trustees had was to find a teacher. They settled for the best person they could get, hopefully one who had at least finished elementary school. Finding a teacher who had qualified and taught in another place, such as the British Isles, happened only very seldom.

In Minden in the 1890s the inspector set up a Model school for suitable young folk. It was a crash course in teaching methods and school management. Even this measure proved to be very helpful.

The pioneer school was a plain rectangle, no basement and no ceiling. There were three windows on each side a woodshed attached at the back, a porch at the front. In the farthest part at the back were two privies, one for boys and one for girls.

There was a well, a bucket and dipper and a wash basin inside. Since log structures tend not to last, when the community could do so they would build a school of finished lumber. Other improvements would be made as needed and if they were affordable, when available i.e. maps.

Another cupboard at the back held odds and ends of cutlery and dishes for the hot lunch program. Especially in the cold months many teachers made something hot- stew, soup, or coco at noon. Mothers

provided bones and vegetables. The older girls prepared the food under the teacher's directive. A large kettle was provided for this.

Lunches were put on a shelf in the porch. If there happened to be an open door, the squirrels enjoyed a treat. Lunches could freeze in cold weather so lunch pails were then-brought inside.

There might be a pump organ (later a piano).

The trustees' second big job was to get tenders for split dried hardwood to fuel the huge box stove in the centre of the room. This was welcome money for the people granted the tender.

They also sometimes met with the school inspector, teacher, or the parent of a problem child. This did not happen often. The teacher could request more equipment, such as maps, desks, etc.

My introduction to school was a Hallowe'en party.

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Miss Hannah was the most patient woman in the world

from page 20

At six or so I was entranced by the building, games were played, and the fun we had. After that I lined my dolls in a row on the kitchen couch. Each had a card (book). But I gave my mother no peace. I was asking all the time 'when can I go to school?' Finally my mother went to as the teacher if I could start part way through the school year. It so happened that enrollment was critically low. A school could be closed if fewer than 10 pupils were enrolled. To avoid this happening, Miss Hannah permitted me to start in January.

Never will I forget my first day. I was up in good time, scratching the frost off the kitchen window, having had breakfast with a lunch packed. I watched for Myrtle Francis (now Walker) and her two brothers who called for me.

School was exciting to me for several years. Only later did I realize that the proper response to the question "Do you like school?" was to say no.

Miss Hannah was the most beautiful, patient and kind lady in the whole world! She wore beautiful clothes. My favourite was a white dress with red dots.

Morning exercises to open school? First the large bell was rung. We went to our places and sat for a Bible reading, repeated the Lord's prayer, and sang God Save the King. Then classes!

Reading was, of course, my first hurdle. The teacher wrote my name. I soon learned to recognize it. She then introduced phonics, that is recognizing a letter and its sound. I quickly had a limited vocabulary -c-a-t, s-a-t, m-a-t. But when the teacher wanted me to read Marion s-a-t on the c-a-t, I refused. I knew very well that if I sat on my cat she would scratch me. I knew what the sentence meant, and Miss Hannah realized that. Reading such an improbable sentence made no sense to me. It did not take long to learn how to read aloud more sensible material.

We had recesses (breaks) 15 minutes long, one about 10 a.m. and the other about 2 p.m. We had lunch at noon. I soon learned I should eat as fast as I could so we could play games. (This was after the first few weeks when I began to understand the routine)

In the winter, if it was too stormy to bundle up and play outside we might play circle singing games such as Farmer Takes a Wife. We liked I Spy and musical chairs. If we were outside we soon learned that a snowball fight was fine, but no ice in the snowball. We build snowmen or even snow houses. At first I watched, of course.

In better weather we played prisoner's base, Andy-Over, and made good use of what passed for a baseball diamond. It seems that people who live near schoolyards never, ever like the baseball being batted over the fence into their property. We, alas, very occasionally broke a window. So everyone was glum until order was restored.

At that time, parents had to buy school supplies. Each textbook had a printed sign. The parent pays five cents (or 10 cents or whatever). The rest of the cost is covered by the department of education.

Before WWII the teacher usually boarded with a local family- another welcome source of a small regular income.

As time went on, I found out the special days in the school year. Hallowe'en of course, as already stated, was always a lot of games and fun. Christmas was even more welcome, but it was a lot of work (as I especially came to realize when I was a teacher). First task was for the teacher to select a day for the concert near the last day of school in December. She had her own resources - books with plays and recitations in them, carol and song books and drills. We were assigned parts which we quickly copied out and memorized.

My brother, in Grade 1, had a recitation: 'My father bought me a pair of pants/but the best that he could find/I guess they looked alright in front' (and looks)/How do they look behind?' (and turns around). We often learned a carol new to us. Some times a talented child would sing



Mrs. J. Hagan taught this class at the Gelert School SS #2 Snowden in 1944. Back row from left: John Pope, Robert Thompson, Francis Sedgwick, Wendell Sedgwick, Jack Milburn, Mike Newell, Victor Sedgwick and Brian Sedgwick. Middle row: Barbara Newell, Joy Newell, Marjorie Francis, Kathleen Pope, Jean Francis, Dorothy Graham and Genevieve Sedgwick. Front row: Ron McElwain, Beverley McElwain, Jack Currah, Bert Milburn and Joe Peacock. /Photo submitted by Marion Sedgwick

a solo. Best were the drills. In simple costume a group marched to music in various figure on the stage. For in Gelert we had a stage! Pieces of flooring were set up on saw horses so everyone could see the performances. We even had curtains, and sort of dressing rooms at the sides.

A genial local man was the chairman. He told a joke or a story sometimes, usually a joke on the teacher. The grand finale was first sleigh bells jingling outside and then in came Santa! Excitement indeed. Helped by the teacher he handed out gifts, two per child. I got one the first year. I was terribly disappointed because I knew you got one from the teacher and one from the person who had drawn your name. I felt much better on the first day of school in the new years. The caretaker of the school found my present slid into a corner. Lunch concluded the party.

My first glimpse of the tree and lamps when I had come in before the concert- oh, it was the most marvelous sight, a glimpse of fairy land to me.

Next special day was Valentine's Day. We played games, had cocoa and cookies sometimes, and exchanged valentine cards. The affluent among us would have a 'store-boughten' card for the teacher. Some of us had to make our very best one for the teacher. It was the depression after all.

Arbour Day was clean up the yard day. I do not remember that we planted trees (that is what the day was for in the first place). We always hoped we could burn the dry grass but that depended on the weather. We cleaned the two little flower gardens and whitewashed the stones bordering them. We cleaned inside the school and in general tidied up.

On the last day of school in June we took our stuff (report cards, books, scribbles, artwork etc.) home. We cleaned again and usually had a little party, or maybe we all went swimming and had hotdogs and a fire after.

Then we ran home singing "No more teachers, no more books!" We had a whole summer of fishing, swimming and farm work ahead of us - fun, fun!

One day that scared us is when the inspector came. We had to stand to welcome him (unusual for us) No one knew when he would turn up. He would look at some of our notebooks, ask us questions, etc. I did not know until I was a teacher that his chief task was to encourage and guide the teacher! Our fears were groundless.

We sometimes had visitors. If a minister came in, the teacher would ask him to give a little talk. Dr. Jamieson came occasionally. One time she told us that we did not need to use half a roll of toilet paper at a time. Two nurses

came twice a year to see how things looked health-wise.

One of our greatest treats was "travelling libraries." Only one of our teachers ordered them from the Department of Education in Toronto. They came in strong wooden boxes to be lent some three months. Those books were new and attractive. We loved them.

The Department of Education has always encouraged continuing education for teachers. Often a teacher might be interested to diversify her talents. She might take a course in home economics during the summer. Universities gave opportunities to work on a degree by correspondence in the winter. People wanted to become principals could take advance administration courses.

In the post-war era many inspectors encouraged itinerant teachers of music or hop work to come to the schools in a given area once a week. The CBC offered interesting programs by radio. These efforts to broaden the curriculum made it helpful in rural areas.

Learning was a continuing adventure. We met familiar facts but we also learned more about farm weeds, garden plants and our farm animals then we already knew. One teacher drew us a large map of Haliburton county on the back of one of the big maps. Some of the poems we learned we still remember, e.g. 'The goldenrod is yellow, the fields are turning brown'. We thrilled to the adventures of the boy when the teacher read Tom Sawyer to us.

Other subjects were just as interesting. We met Jacques Cartier, bad King John and the Magna Carta, John A. MacDonald and the fur traders. We found out about jungles, Africa, and kangaroos. Really, learning new things was fascinating.

Look for the conclusion of Marion Sedgwick's recollections of the Gelert school in next week's edition of the Minden Times.

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Literary festival begins this weekend

R.D. Lawrence Place 2011 Literary Festival and Reading Series kicks off with *When Trees Could Walk* by Alex Hamilton Brown

Adventure, mystery and comedy; this year's R.D. Lawrence Literary Festival and Reading Series has something for all ages and interests. Things start this weekend on Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre with a children's workshop in the morning and readings in the afternoon at an authors open mic. An intimate evening with Toronto Star columnist Joe Fiorito on Sept. 12 will follow as will readings on Dec. 3 by the Short Story Contest winners.

Coordinator Sheryl Loucks says there are several incredible writers already signed up to read this weekend between 1 and 5 p.m. Writers are coming from Haliburton, Peterborough, Bancroft and Muskoka. More information about the authors who are participating will be posted on www.mindenculturalcentre.com/rd_literary/festival.php in the R.D. Lawrence Place section on the literary festival page. Admission is \$5 or a donation. Authors will be selling their books and people are encouraged to stop by and browse. Writers of all stripes are welcome to sign-up to read by con-

tacting Loucks at 705-286-2298.

Loucks say they are continuing the tradition of Saturday morning being a time for kids cartoons and stories with the presentation of *When Trees Could Walk*.

Long before people and animals roamed the earth there was a time when two tree kingdoms ruled the planet, until one day a whisper by the crafty North Wind to one leader suggested how he could turn a potential draught into an opportunity to take over all the lands. This is a time *When Trees Could Walk* and they marched to war.

What happens next in this adventurous tale by Alex Hamilton Brown? A story time and workshop next weekend on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. at R.D. Lawrence Place will reveal how two kingdoms came to battle over resources and what happened to give us the earth we have today in this fictitious legend.

Alex Hamilton Brown is a wonderful weaver of tales who has won 25 international film awards for his work in screenwriting and filmmaking. He has written and produced over a hundred award-winning productions for North American and British TV networks. He has also published children's fiction. *When Trees Could Walk* is written for children aged

six to 12 years and was recently published by Sunshine In A Jar Press as part of an anthology of short stories.

This story serves as a springboard for an engaging fun children's workshop in story telling through a variety of mediums. Alex Hamilton Brown will tell stories for the first half of this interactive two hour program and then share eight secrets of great storytelling in the second half while getting the children to participate in this fun workshop.

Familiar with several mediums of writing, Hamilton Brown has recently received two awards for his published poetry. Right now he is working on his first novel. Alex is originally from Scotland. He lives in Bancroft, Ont., with his partner Sue and their fun-loving little dog named Cody.

The workshop costs \$10 and includes a lemonade break, children are encouraged to bring snacks to meet their dietary needs. To register or for information about any of these events please call R.D. Lawrence Place at 705-286-2298 or email rdlawrenceplace@mindenhills.ca. R.D. Lawrence Place is located at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre at 176 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden.

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Pedestrians beware of drivers

Kelly Williams
QMI Agency

The fact that I love driving is a given considering my background, but for five years I lived in downtown Toronto and was more often a pedestrian than a driver.

As many of you know, driving in Toronto has its challenges (as in major city with so much going on around us) and parking is expensive. I found it easier to either take public transit or walk to wherever I was going, thus reducing my stress level.

As a pedestrian I felt like everyone driving should be "seeing" me but what I've come to realize is that many drivers don't see pedestrians and that pedestrians shouldn't be so sure of being "seen".

As a driver, I've found my attention is on the other vehicles that are on the road and around me.

I've had it happen that as I was getting ready to make a right hand turn - and looking to the left to make sure no vehicles are coming - just as I'm about to roll there is someone walking in front of my car.

Further, many drivers are distracted when they are driving. Although cell phones are supposed to be hands free, when someone is on the phone they are still distracted by the conversation.

How about someone reaching over into the passenger seat to get a purse or a map? Driving requires a lot of attention and it isn't just about the other cars on the road.

In addition to distracted drivers, there are also many distracted pedestrians who just assume that cars are going to see them.

We've all seen someone either texting, listening to music or talking on the cell phone simply walk off the curb only to realize that perhaps the road isn't clear to cross.

This past weekend, I witnessed many people crossing roads without even making sure it was safe to do so.

They just keep looking ahead without as much as a sideways glance.

Never assume!

Just like a driver should never rush into an intersection the instant the light turns green (in case some fellow driver had decided to "blow" the red light), a pedestrian should never rush a crossing for the exact same reason.

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Come out to family movie night Wednesday



Melissa Alfano
Dorset News

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All are welcome to join the fun with Logan and Jenny at family movie night at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, Aug. 10 starting at 6:30 p.m. Admission is by donation, the popcorn is free and beverages will be available to purchase. The movie showing will be Marmaduke. Call

705-766-9968 for more information.

There is still time to get tickets for The Dorset Lions Club annual spaghetti supper on Thursday, Aug. 11 at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Please call Steve at 705-766-2469 for tickets or for more information.

Storytime takes place at the Dorset branch of the Haliburton County Library on Thursday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. and all are welcome. For more information, call the library at 705-766-9969.

A stone carving studio is taking place this week on Friday, Aug. 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the recreation centre. Registration

is required so please call 705-766-1382 to ensure the class runs. Learn from stone carver Elise Muller how to create a one of a kind stone necklace or sculpture. The cost to participate is \$25 plus materials and is suitable for youth and adults.

Don't miss the fun this Saturday with Dorset Community Policing's annual Emergency Services Day, being held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a barbecue, live music and a chance to learn all about and meet the workers for our local emergency services. For more information, give Marlene a call at 705-766-2409.

There will be a foot clinic at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, Aug. 17. Give Joy a call at 705-766-1418 to find out more or to book an appointment.

Mark your calendars. The Lake of Bays United Churches are having a roast beef dinner on Saturday, Aug. 27 at the Dwight Community Centre. Dessert is homemade pie. Continuous serving from 5 to 7 p.m. and tickets will be available at the door; adults \$15, children \$7.50. Come for a delicious meal!

The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is

offering a course, Making a Quilt 101, for beginners and for those needing a refresher. Participants will work together to construct a single quilt and topics such as cover colour, fabric choice, cutting, piecing, borders, batting, backing, sandwiching, binding and touching lightly on hand and machine quilting will be covered.

Classes will run Wednesday, Sept. 7 to the end of October from 9 a.m. to noon and will take place at the Stanhope Fire Fighters Community Hall. The classes will conclude with a trip to a local quilt store.

HHQG plans to donate the finished quilt to a worthy cause. For more information, please contact Dale Jewett at 705-489-4895.

Birthday wishes for the week of Aug. 7 to 13 go out to Erin Burgess. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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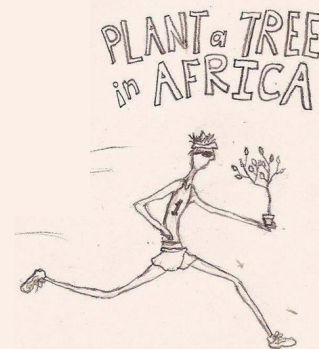
Sunday August 21, 2011

**The Wild Moose at
the Wigamog Resort**

Kid's 1K 9 am

10K 10 am

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Time is running out to vote for Citizen of the Year



Patti Fleury

Around the Town

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Mid week and it was off to visit good friends at their cottage on a small lake near Torrance just outside of Gravenhurst. It is a pilgrimage made every year for longer than memory holds and for our children a summer highlight during their growing years. One year, our younger son Graeme caught a nice fish and unknown to us decided to take it home with him. Enroute back to Scarborough he let us know about the extra passenger on board assuring much to our relief that it was not packed in with his clothes. Instead however it showed up later when his tidy sister started to unpack her bag.

This week's featured group in the Music in the Park summer series will be the popular Hot Flashes and Cold Shoulders. Bring along your lawn chairs to the picnic shelter in Austin Sawmill Heritage Park at 6:30 p.m. this Thursday, Aug. 11 and enjoy a pleasant evening relaxing to music beside the Burnt River. Next Thursday, Aug. 18 Rick Fines will be centre stage and for the final evening of the 2011 program on Aug. 25 Rick and Terri Johnson will perform. A special thank you is extended to the Kinmount and District Lions Club for its sponsorship again this year of this welcome summer tradition.

Further to the Lions Club this Friday, Aug. 12 is the final date to submit nominations for its 2011 "Citizen of the Year" award to recognize an individual from the Kinmount area who has made significant volunteer contributions to the life of the community. Nominations along with a supporting letter, should be sent to the Lions Club's Box 15, Kinmount, Ontario K0M 2A0.

The annual Journey for Health Walk-a-thon/Bike-a-thon fundraiser for the Kinmount and District Health Services Foundation, heads out at 9 a.m. from the Austin Sawmill

Heritage Park this Sunday, Aug. 14. For more information and registration or to make a pledge call 705-488-2005. Once again the Kinmount Pharmacy will generously match the participant who raises the most pledges to a maximum of \$1,500.

St. James Anglican Church, Kinmount is offering a new service with a clothing give-away on the third Thursday of each month at the church from 10 a.m. until noon. Rather than from public donation these items come from a consignment source and are in good condition and ready to be worn. The historic church is located up on a hill and if accessibility is an issue for you there is a parking area behind the church.

From the Kinmount Legion Branch 441 an invitation for everyone to come out on Saturday, Aug. 20 for a luncheon and reception in the upstairs Hall from noon until 3 p.m. This is a special opportunity to welcome home and thank the troops who have been serving in Afghanistan and to show appreciation to our Armed Forces - men, women and their families. Later that evening the Branch is holding a summer dance featuring DJ Paul Wilson. Please note that this is an age of majority event and the \$5 cost includes a light luncheon.

The annual Summer Smorgasbord Supper hosted by Burnt River United Church is coming up on Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Burnt River Community Centre from 4 to 7 p.m. The menu includes both hot and cold entrees plus all kinds of homemade pies for dessert. Admission at the door is \$13.50 for adults and for children seven to 12 years \$3.50 with kindergarten and preschoolers free. Also at the Centre on that date is ART/11, the annual Burnt River Art Show, from 1 to 7 p.m. The show will include displays of works by local artists, an art competition for local elementary school children and a snapshot competition with entries to be submitted to the Burnt River Post Office by noon on Friday, Aug. 19. For more information regarding categories please call 705-454-1653. This event is sponsored in part by the local library.

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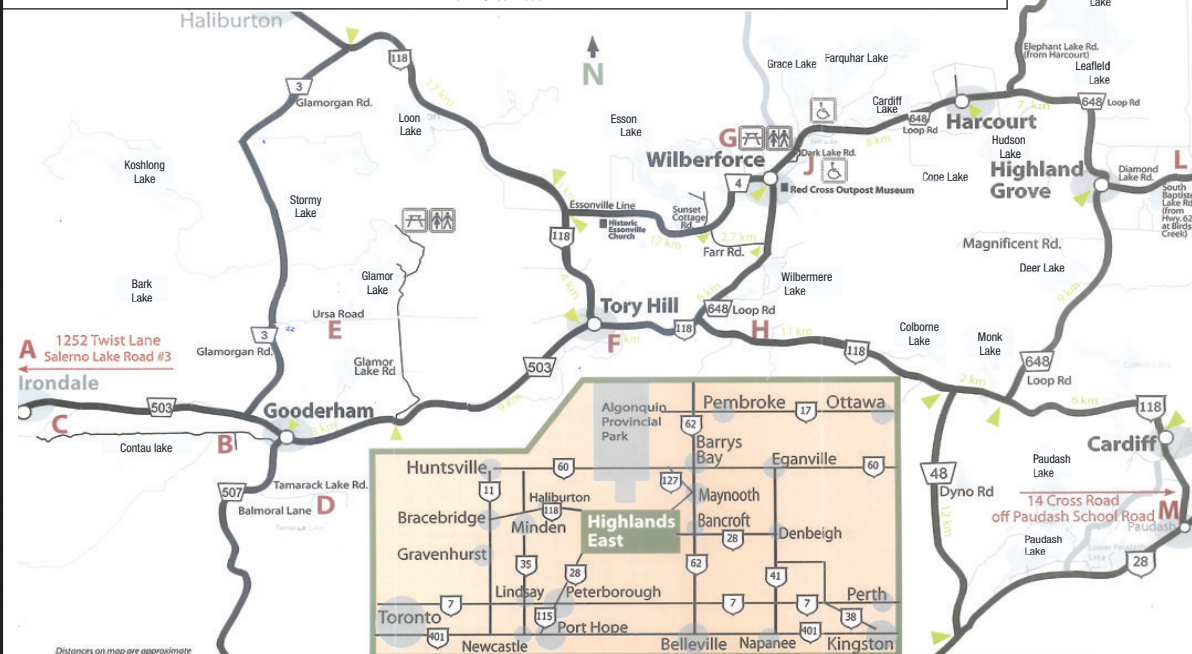
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2011 Studio Tour Map Guide



August 13-14
August 20-21

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Irondale | C, C1 & C2
Cocky Fox Studio
1749 Irondale Rd.
Irondale | F
Paw Paw Shores Studio
19221 Hwy 118
Tory Hill | J
Dreamweaver Country Boutique
1151 Dark Lake Road
Wilberforce |
| B
Wildwood Studio of Nature Photography
1055 Studio Lane
Gooderham | D & D1
Wood N' Dreams
Maple Woodworking
1191 Balmoral Lane
Gooderham | G
Highland Creek Studios
1035 Clement Lake Rd.
Wilberforce | L & L1
White Birch Studio
3244 South Baptiste Lake Rd.
Highland Grove |
| | E
Highland Winds Studio
Suehling Mosaics
1524 Ursa Road | H
Rustic Art Studio
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Off Hwy. 118 | M
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• **Aug 12: Haliburton County Farmers' Market** Located at That Place in Carnarvon, 1pm-5pm Every Friday For info call Angela McGreevy @ 705 457-9843

• **Aug 13: South Lake Annual Gold Tournament** at Blairhampton Golf Course, starting at 1:00 Please Contact Patti Goreski at 286-1841

• **Aug. 13: LKO** is hosting an Environment Day on Bryson's Marina. Folks on Kashagawigamog and Soyers Lakes are invited to attend the day for a free lunch and the opportunity to speak with noted local environmentalists, members of the Lakeland Alliance, and other local experts on issues concerning shoreline health, septic concerns and so on. More information is available on our site LKO.com

• **Aug 13: Family Fund Day In Lochlin** featuring all day BBQ, Games, prizes, Silent Auction, live music & Pony Rides (beginning at 3pm) Horseshoe Tournament Registration begins at 10 am Games at 10:30am

• **Aug 15: Taoist Tai Chi Society Summer Classes** Summer run for four weeks for a fee of \$40.00 Haliburton - Mon from 6-8PM starting Aug 8th at the Haliburton United Church. Minden- Tues from 6-8PM starting Aug 9th at the Hyland Crest Auditorium Please contact Uta @ 705-457-2293 or Julia @ 705-286-1444 or Marg @ 705-448-1436

• **Aug 21: Essonville Historical Church Decoration Sunday** at 2pm for more info call 705-488-2148

• **Aug 24: Haliburton Toast Masters Club Meeting** .Please call 705-286-2624 for location and for more information

• **Aug 24: Trinity United Church Fish Fry Dinner**, 40 William St Bobcaygeon beginning at 4:30-7:00pm \$14 Tickets available at Church office

• **Aug 25: Haliburton County Historical Society August Meeting**, 7:00pm located at Maple Lake United Church, Stanhope Airport Rd. & Hwy 118. Topic: Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary with speaker Monika Melichar

• **Sept 3: Gooderham United Church Yard Sale** 8am-3pm, light refreshments available

• **September 17th RIDE for REFUGE: Love. Sweat. Gears.** This major cycling fundraiser is coming to Haliburton County! Now recruiting captains and riders. Start, finish and lunch at Camp Medeba, West Guilford.

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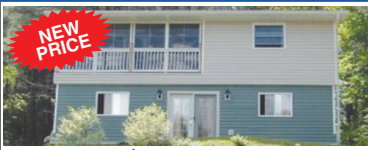


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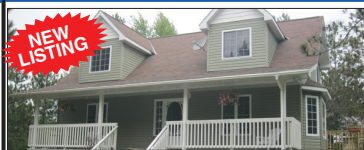


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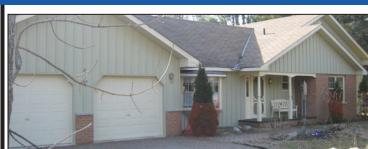


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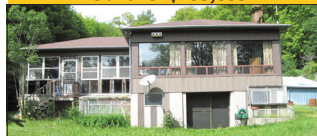
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